

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 559 - SB 1264

March 1, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a registration for certified medical assistants under the Board of Licensing for Health Care Facilities. Establishes rules and regulations with regard to what and where a medical assistant can and cannot perform certain duties, and outlines specific registration requirements. Authorizes the Department of Health (DOH) to deny, revoke, or suspend the registration of a certified medical assistant under certain conditions. Effective January 1, 2022.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$190,800/FY21-22/

**Board of Licensing Health Care Facilities
\$321,400/FY22-23 and Subsequent Years/
Board of Licensing Health Care Facilities**

The Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities (HCF) is required to collect fees in an amount sufficient to pay the costs of operating the Boards. All fees collected by the Board are deposited by the DOH with the State Treasurer to the credit of the General Fund and shall be expended by the Department and included in the appropriation made for the Board in the *General Appropriations Act*. The HCF Board had a net surplus of \$47,600 in FY18-19 and a net surplus of \$259,145 in FY19-20. The HCF Board may impose fees to offset a portion or all of the incurred expenditures as a result of the proposed legislation.

Assumptions:

- Based on the U.S Bureau of Labor Statistics, as of May 2019, there are approximately 14,460 medical assistants currently employed in Tennessee.
- Passage of the proposed legislation will require all medical assistants to register with the DOH and pay an applicable fee as established by the Department.
- Based on information provided by the DOH the proposed legislation cannot be accommodated within existing resources. In order to process registrations for 14,460 medical assistants and ensure compliance with state rules and regulations, the DOH will require: one Administrative Services Manager position; two Administrative Services Assistant 2 positions; two Associate Counsel positions; and two Public Health Nursing Consultants 1 positions, for a total of seven new positions.

- The one-time increase in state expenditures associated with the positions is estimated to be \$30,100 [(\$1,600 computer costs + \$2,700 office furniture) x 7 positions].
- The recurring increase in state expenditures associated with the new positions is estimated to be \$321,407 (\$193,056 salary + \$59,051 benefits + \$55,300 administrative costs + \$9,800 communications + \$4,200 supplies).
- Due to the January 1, 2022 effective date, the total increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$190,804 [(\$321,407 x 50.0%) + \$30,100] in FY21-22 and \$321,407 in FY22-23 and subsequent years.
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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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